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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Sir:

This responds to the final Office action mailed December 19, 2008. This response is being timely filed on June 19, 2009. A request for a three-month extension is being filed herewith. The response is filed with a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee. Applicants submit with this response a 37 C.F.R. §1.132 Declaration by Dr. Simon Michael West, one of the named inventors ("the West Declaration"). Applicants respectfully request reconsideration on the merits of the application and allowance of the claims in view of the following remarks and Declaration.

Please charge any required fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3080.

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